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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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                         EMPLOYING SAME"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA      United States Patent No. 6,381,487  
AB      United States Patent No. 6,339,635  
AC      United States Patent No. 6,292,538  
AD      United States Patent No. 5,751,784  
AE      United States Patent No. 4,962,513  
AL      Japanese Application 3-53436

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

References AC, AE and AL were identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present specification, and Reference AL also was discussed at page 3 of the present application. References AB and AC were identified and discussed at page 6 of the present application.

References AB, AD and AE were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in a Search Report rendered in connection with the counterpart German



Application. Reference AA was cited in an Office Action from the German Patent and Trademark Office.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, in addition to the aforementioned statements concerning Reference AL in the specification, an English language Abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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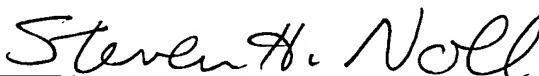
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
Examiner's Initials		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If appropriate	
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